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March 14, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Acting Director and Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: **EXPANSION OF THE TUTORING/MENTORING
PROGRAM IN THE SECOND DISTRICT**

This memo is to provide a status report on the Department's progress with establishing a Tutoring/Mentoring Program in the Second District.

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Chief Deputy Director

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Several attempts have been made in the past to establish communication with the Director of Nursing, L.A. Southwest College. In our last update to the Board of Supervisors on this issue, we made a commitment to continue the Department's attempt to do so. To that end, a letter was written requesting a meeting with the Nursing Director of the college to discuss the parameters of a Tutoring/Mentoring Program (attached). A reply was requested by March 31, 2006. Once a response is received, we will move forward in the appropriate direction.

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I will keep the Board informed of the outcome of our most recent attempt to establish a program in the Second District. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Attachment

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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March 8, 2006

Norma Carter, R.N., Director of Nursing
Los Angeles South West College
1600 West Imperial Highway
Los Angeles, CA 90047

Dear Ms. Carter:

In an effort to do our part in addressing the nursing shortages in the County of Los Angeles, the Department of Health Services (DHS) has established contracts with several Community College Nursing programs to provide tutoring/mentoring services to their students. Currently, there are no such programs in existence in the South Los Angeles/South Bay area. We are interested in expanding this program to the students attending your nursing school.

The Department of Health Services Tutoring and Mentoring Program (T/M) would provide additional funds to South West College for the provision of personalized academic and clinical support for nursing students that coincide with your established Nursing curriculum. Also, the T/M program has proven successful in preparing students to pass the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The desire of the DHS would be that your students, once they pass the NCLEX-RN, seek employment within one of our facilities. However, there is no contractual obligation for them to do so.

If you are interested and think such a program can benefit your students, please call us to set up a meeting to discuss the parameters of the program. I can be reached at (323) 869-7052 or you can contact my staff, Maxine Franklin, R.N., at (323) 869-7054. If we do not hear from you by **March 31, 2006**, we will assume lack of interest and consider this request closed.

Very truly yours,

Debi Popkins, R.N.,
DHS Nurse Recruitment

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c: Vivian Branchick
Maxine Franklin

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